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State Tax Commission officers arrest 2 men on drug, gun charges

Two Salt Lake men have been booked into the Salt Lake County jail on charges stemming from a 3-month investigation by officers of the Utah State Tax Commission Division of Motor Vehicle Enforcement.

The investigation was launched when Tax Commission officers discovered the men were allegedly acting as automobile dealers and selling vehicles without a state license.

In two separate busts, the officers recovered approximately 13.5 pounds of marijuana and confiscated 11 guns.

The street value of the marijuana is estimated between \$6,500 and \$19,500. Officers have placed nine rifles and two handguns into evidence.

The men, both listed as "John Does," will be arraigned in Third District Court and face felony charges from the Salt Lake County Attorney's Office.

In the course of the investigation, DMVE officers also discovered a stolen 2001 BMW that had virtually all of its parts stripped from it and allegedly sold.

The Division of Motor Vehicle Enforcement investigates auto theft and other vehicle-related crimes that often lead to illegal gun possession and felony drug charges. The Division also protects Utah citizens from fraud related to motor vehicle commerce.

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